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The Rev. Dr. Kulp of St. Louis will be transferred to another charge. Flat River?

If Mr. Bryan should run for President next year he would finish about where Taft did in 1912.

President Wilson might exercise his principles of humanity in the direction of Mexico these days and let his watchful waiting policy have a vacation.

Evelyn Thaw don't want Harry turned loose, probably for the fear that he might ask some embarrassing questions concerning that nice little son of hers.

The daily newspapers are doing their utmost to make out that Frank Holt, the man who shot J. P. Morgan and has since committed suicide, was a German.

If all English ships carrying Americans on board are to be exempt from attack by the Germans, as demanded by President Wilson, England will of course see to it that all of her ships that sail are provided with this protection.

The Republican legislature of Illinois was about as free with the taxpayers' money as the Democratic legislature of Missouri. Legislators seem possessed with the idea that it is their privilege to spend all the funds they can lay their hands on.

We do not agree with Mr. Bryan that this country's peace is more likely to be obtained without adequate measures for defense against invasion by a foreign foe than with it. We are for peace, but we are also in favor of adequate provision for defense in case of attack.

The cartoonists picture Uncle Sam as sternly rigid in dealing with Germany's transgressions of international law, but if they should portray him in his attitude towards England on the same subject they would have to draw the old gentleman with a very, very limber backbone.

Senator Stone remarks with apparent sorrow, that not more than one man can be put in a job. That is true; but the Democrats when in power have the trait of remedying this difficulty as far as possible by making the jobs more numerous for deserving members of the party. Making new jobs and raising the salaries of old jobs is where the Democrats shine.

The Wilson government at Washington has given another demonstration of its "neutrality" by taking charge of the wireless station at Sayville, which was the last and only avenue of communication Germany had with this country. The excuse given for this action is that Germany was suspected of using the station as a means of sending communications to her submarines. This recalls to our mind how Colonel Goethals got himself in bad with the powers at Washington by making a holler for a warship or two to stop England from making a naval base of the Panama Canal ports. He didn't get the ships, and as nothing more was said about it, what he heard from Washington effectively closed his mouth. They some funny ideas about neutrality in Washington, D. C.

We are not very strong for that ex-Rev. Mr. Meeker who was elected to congress last fall from the Twelfth District of Missouri to succeed the Hon. Richard Bartholdt. We don't like Mr. Meeker's antics on the liquor question, he acts too much like the brewery interests' hired man. Mr. Bartholdt was also a pro-liquor man while he was in congress, but he was decently dignified about it. Mr. Meeker makes his attitude on this question obnoxious to many people by invading other districts than his own territory when he has liquor sentiment to unconsciously proclaim.

to take part in local option hustings in behalf of the liquor traffic. That he is a Republican does not serve with us to give silence to his offense. We think he should have it impressed upon him that the Twelfth District does not include the whole of Missouri.

According to Dr. Simon, who was the Democratic nominee for mayor of St. Louis at the last city election there, the Democratic party is slated for defeat at the general election next year. His reason for this prediction is that the Major administration has failed to give proper attention to the distribution of official patronage. In other words, a lot of Democrats are soured because the pie has not been cut to suit them and are going to knife the party in revenge. That is fine! Let them sink the knife in deep. But what do you think of this as a proposition? Here we have one of the leading Democrats in St. Louis arguing that the Democrats fight for pie—the rewards of office and not from any motive of public interest or welfare. Patriotism for power and pelf, that's the real meaning of it. Political idealism as bunk to throw at the voters during election campaigns is all right for catching votes for the Democratic ticket, but it don't satisfy the boys in the trenches. Hand out more pie, Governor.

The St. Louis Times remarks: "Perhaps a great deal of this bomb throwing could be avoided through the exercise of a little more democracy on the part of the wealthy." Democracy on part of plutocracy! Great! Why, we would as soon expect our rich overlords of the Morgan-Rockefeller stripe to advocate socialism outright as practice democracy. For why? Because the overrich and the hoi polloi are distinct and separate human species. They have absolutely nothing on which they can gather on common ground. The masses are to the wealthy an underworld of beings, known as "those terrible creatures" who are condemned to slavish toil, and who must be exploited, but not regarded as brothers. You can't bring mankind upon a level of democratic commingling and unity while social conditions hold wealth exalted and labor lowly, for the master has ever despised the slave whose toil makes life easy and joyous for him. Slaves must be taught to know their place, not fraternized with. Of course slaves sometimes revolt, hence the bomb throwers.

Germany's reply to President Wilson's note on the Lusitania affair is fair to this country and to herself. Germany gives us assurance that American ships, when not carrying contraband of war to her foes will be respected and held free from sub-marine attack, and she appeals to the government at Washington to aid her in this friendliness of spirit toward us by exercising a supervision over ships leaving our ports and carrying Americans as passengers that will prevent them from also carrying war supplies and thus placing the lives of such passengers in jeopardy. It would seem to us that unless our government is ready to abandon all appearances of neutrality and openly align itself with the nations at war with Germany, it will give prompt acquiescence to this overture. Our greatest danger now lies in the control of President Wilson and his official advisors by that element of American capitalism that is now making great profits out of the war and which wishes to see the strife continued to its gain even to the involvement of this country. Germany does not say she will abandon her sub-marine attacks against her enemies, but informs us that she is fighting in self-defense for national life against enemies that have sworn to crush her, and that she will continue to use the weapons of her own selection. In this she is also in the right; we would do the same thing were we in Germany's position.

## Democratic Legislation

### Invites Lawsuits.

Every blunder in a statute is a gilt edged invitation to a law suit.

A typical example of one of these invitations, so numerous in practically every important statute passed by the Democratic Congress, occurs in Schedule B of the "war tax" law. It threatens to vitiate the effectiveness of the entire schedule.

That provision declares that "perfumery, cosmetics, and other similar articles," shall be taxed. What are "cosmetics?" The term is general, not specific. It is not defined in the law, and the question of what shall be termed a "cosmetic" has been plunged into doubt, which the courts only can finally clear up. A suit is now pending to determine it.

From the earliest days of attempts to enforce this schedule there has been continual confusion. Many manufacturers of articles of this character resisted the tax, declaring that their goods were not cosmetics. Revenue collectors were at sea, and conflicting rulings from Washington as to specific articles merely added to the confusion, delay and expense of administration.

The Internal Revenue Office finally tried to settle the difficulty by ruling that manufacturers of certain disputed products would be exempt from taxation if they changed their advertising. The levying of the tax was thus made to depend, not upon the product itself, but upon the way it was advertised, virtually resolving a portion of Schedule B of the "war tax" law into a special tax upon advertising rather than upon the goods under discussion when Congress enacted the statute.

It is elementary in law that "interpretation of a law shall not usurp the function of legislation." This principal has been violated in the administration of the "war tax" law. The Democratic Congress named two conflicting dates as to the time Schedule B should take effect, and the Internal Revenue Office by an arbitrary ruling had to determine what Congress intended.

The courts may decide that the same thing has happened in the rulings as to the tax on cosmetics. In any event the history of this portion of the "war tax" law has served to emphasize the slovenly methods employed by the Democratic Congress.

We have a certain feeling of sympathy for the French and for the Belgians also in this war. They are battling with an invader, and we trust that when peace is restored that their territories now occupied by Germany will be fully restored to them. France and Belgium have suffered through an unfortunate alliance with England and Russia, the former greedy for commercial power, the latter for territorial power.

## Some Facts About the Toad.

The toad lives from ten to forty years and lays over a thousand eggs a year. It has lived two years without food, but cannot live long under water. It never takes dead or motionless food. It captures and devours wasps, yellow-jackets, ants, beetles, caterpillars, moths, spiders, etc. In twenty-four hours the toad consumes enough food to fill its stomach four times. A single toad will in three months devour over 10,000 insects. If every ten of these would have done one cent damage the toad has saved ten dollars. Evidently the toad is a valuable friend to the farmer, gardener and fruit grower and can be made especially useful in the green-house, garden and berry patch.—Our Dumb Animals.

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## Colonel R. E. Morse.

When you some little prize have landed by methods dark and underhanded, your chest may swell beyond all reason, you'll feel a victor for a season, as aforesaid who are in clover; but when you think the blamed thing over, you'll find of hate the sort of winning that calls for trickery and sinning. And R. E. Morse will sit beside you, and murmur softly, "Woe betide you! You've made a stain that is eternal, upon your record, says the Colonel. "And so I sit me here and prod you, far better have some chap defraud you, than to defraud the other fellow; sharp practice shows a streak of yellow. If you would have a peace internal, you must be straight," observed the Colonel; "the coin that's earned by honest sweating, that calls for labor in the getting, is blest when in the bank you stow it, or for your Sunday dinner blow it. But money gained by crooked dealing will make your conscience hit the ceiling, and when it springs that sort of action, life has but little satisfaction. And every time you swipe a dollar, I'll hunt you up, my friend, and holler." The Colonel is a guest unbidden; he will not leave, though coaxed or chidden. Where'er you tramp good morals under, the Colonel comes and raises thunder.—Walt Mason.

## How She Knew.

There is an old lady living in a small town in Southern Pennsylvania who makes great efforts to keep abreast of the times. She went to a church social lately, and as she entered the room one of the attendants said: "Good evening auntie. I am glad you came. We are going to have tableaux this evening." "Yes, I know," replied the old lady; "I smelt 'em."—Exchange.

## Explaining the Wild Man

Curious Individual Learns All About Him, Including Reason for His Wildness.

"The wonderful curi-ous-tee which you see before you, lay-dees and gentle-men," announced the sideshow lecturer, in tones admirably adapted for talking down from a great altitude to the subnormal understandings of the masses, at the same time waving an indicatory hand toward the hyperbolic-looking personage in the steel barred cage, "is the Wild man of the Everglades, captured at the cost of seven lives and eleven thousand dollars in gold! Thru-ree times a year this savage mon-ster leaps upon great hunks of r-r-r-raw and r-r-r-reeking flesh and devours them with terrible ferocity and bloodcurdling yell!" "What caused the cause to go wild and live on raw meat?" asked a sharp-nosed ruralist, interestedly. "He lived on his brother-in-law for five years and it made him wild when his long suffering relative would no longer support him. He eats his meals raw because he is too lazy to cook them himself."—Kansas City Star.

Changing Diet of the Chinese. Americans who have been influenced by the Orient to the extent of taking their tea clear, without milk or sugar, will be astonished to learn that the Occident is now bent on teaching the Chinese to use milk with their decoction of tea leaves—and condensed milk at that.

An enterprising condensed milk company is pushing the campaign and expects to be successful. This concern has already introduced condensed milk tea cream to the Chinese, and they like it so well that many of the restaurants keep it always on hand.

Practically no fresh milk is to be had in China, although the natives seem familiar enough with the virtues of both the fresh and the condensed article.

Perhaps after all of the Orientals have taken their tea clear because there was no milk to put in it and not because they thought the addition of milk ruined the beverage.

## New Uses for Old Rope.

Old rope, like old tin cans and other things generally considered as waste, has its special market and uses, and in every seaport the collecting and classifying of old rope is an important business. Rope that is covered with heavy graphite or tar is even more valuable today for making caskets than lightly tarred material, while hemp rope with the original heavy coating of tar worn off by weathering is often used for bag paper! A small percentage of untarred hemp rope, used in its prime for hoisting and other purposes, is being converted into cigarette paper in Europe. Scraps and waste from old tarred rope, and also old oakum removed from seams of ships, are now used for making matches.

## ADVICE FOR THE NERVES

Well to Turn Habit of Overstrenuousness Into Some Really Profitable Channel.

Are you strenuous? Do you go in for things for all they are worth? If you are an American-born woman I know the answer. You pitch headlong into club life, art, society, or some other pursuit because your nerves are ragged American nerves that never stop sending out impulses from dawn to dark.

There is too much pent-up vitality in all of us, and yet it is better for your everlasting beauty and peace that you expend it with discretion over a number of activities rather than exert it over one that may be a mere fancy. I realize that this is a day of specialization, and to be a success one must adhere to one thing, but vitality is both physical and mental, and the first must not be neglected or the second will suffer. Regular walks in the open country and daily exercises would give her the perfect equilibrium and nerve control which she and her work both need.

Have you ever noticed what a lot of useless things we do when our nerves are on the ragged edge? When they are rested and well you keep calm, you enjoy life and accomplish things without leaving lines of wear on the face. If you must be strenuous in the pursuit of some object, expend a good amount of daily enthusiasm on physical exercise. The benefits will show in your looks and health and the perfection of your work.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

## WELL TO ABSTAIN FROM FOOD

Giving Stomach an Occasional Rest is Regarded as an Excellent Idea.

Abstinence from food for a short period is a very excellent method of treatment for dyspepsia and kindred digestive disturbances. A raging sick headache disappears after giving the stomach a rest—by omitting to eat only one or two meals. It is common knowledge that a day or two of starving every two or three months enables one to do better work—more mental and physical work can be accomplished without fatigue. It is advisable, however, when on a hunger strike to drink water. Copious libations of hot water—several quarts during the waking hours—will contribute to the feeling of well-being. The water may be taken a tumbler or more every hour or two. Those persons who eat at irregular hours and partake of foods poorly cooked or of such composition as to cause indigestion will find the mild form of starving for 24 hours or longer a practical worthy of trial, for the resulting effects of the experiment will be gratifying. The rest (when one is on a hunger strike) given the digestive apparatus strengthens it and thus aids in conserving the health. A general feeling of rejuvenation invariably follows a few days' fasting.

## Common Humanity.

Olympian Joves do not ride on clouds or sit on mountain tops in these days thundering commands to common mortals. Or if they do, busy folk pay little attention to them. Owls that simply sit and blink and look unutterably wise do not fool many people.

He who never unbends to speak the simple language of the home and the honest or hold occasional honest converse with his fellows, may be truly great and dignified personage. He may indeed deserve and gain a wide respect by sheer force of intellect, perhaps, but we love to feel the quickening power of that divine spark we call common humanity that links mind to mind and heart to heart; that makes us comrades in a common cause. That is the thing really worth while. Without it all is "cold storage," void of the spirit that stands for the sunlight, for God's good earth and the brotherhood of man.—Broader's Gazette.

## Victoria's V. C.'s.

In presenting the Victoria Cross to soldiers actually "in the field," King George may to some extent have been influenced by the original order, which provides that under conditions stipulated, the coveted decoration shall be conferred "on the spot where the act to be rewarded by the grant of such decoration has been performed." The first presentation of the Victoria Cross, however, took place in Hyde Park in June, 1857, when Queen Victoria with her own hands pinned it on the coats of sixty-two Crimean heroes. It is recorded that the queen wore a red and white feather at the side of her round hat, "a scarlet body made nearly like a military tunic," and a dark blue skirt. She was on horseback, with Prince Albert on her left, who made a profound obeisance to each wearer of the V. C.

## Pigeons That Swim.

The swimming of blue pigeons—the familiar domestic bird—is the remarkable sight reported to a Dutch natural history journal. Some months ago one of the doves was thrown into the water in a fight and rescued by human aid, and since then they have become more familiar with the water. Flocks of broad noticed in shallow places evidently tempted them at first. Having courage, they soon learned to swim, and just before making his report the observer saw two of them sailing around like gulls a few yards from his house. When they tired of the bath they quickly flew out of the water.

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## WHAT LIGHTS THE VOLCANO?

Eruptions May Be Caused by Heating Water in the Hollows of the Earth.

A volcano is a great hollow mountain. It is named for Vulcan, the Roman god who was supposed to deal with fire, because fire comes out of it. A volcano has a hole at the top called the crater, and this hole seems to lead down into the hot interior of the earth. The inside of the earth is always hot, yet volcanoes are by no means always in eruption, as it is called when they throw out fire and ashes. It must be, then, that something happens which sets the volcano in activity. The possible cause may be guessed from the location of the great volcanoes, which, like Vesuvius, Etna and Hecla, are near the sea.

It may be that the volcano communicates with the earth under the sea, and water passes into the hot interior hollow and creates vast quantities of steam or gas. This gas is formed under great pressure. It must get out somewhere and so finds its way to the crater and escapes with terrific force, sometimes carrying huge masses of rock high into the air.

## Bamboo Blooms Slowly.

Certain species of bamboo flower only once in about fifty-five years, and strangely enough, all the trees in a locality flower about the same time. Those in Burma began flowering last year, and now they are all in blossom. The last time this species flowered was in 1859-60. They will now die and those that spring from the seeds born of this flowering will take their place and will not flower until about 1914. They may flower sporadically at other times, but the seed does not mature, for the bamboo cannot live long.

## HAD TO ADMIT "DRAWBACKS"

Doubtful, However, If Auctioneer's "Cander" Interfered With the Sale of the Estate.

A certain London auctioneer, in addition to a fine personal appearance and splendid elocutionary talents, is possessed of considerable culture and knowledge of human nature. At a book sale this gentleman would read with exquisite taste passages from the books he was selling, with brief biographies and criticisms of their authors, reciting hexameters from Greek and Roman classics, and rendering passages from humorous writers with a tone and air so ludicrous as to set the room in a roar of laughter. Thus he often won higher prices for books than those got at the shops.

An amusing example of his cleverness in extolling an estate in the language with which he once closed a highly-colored description of the property he was selling. For a few moments he paused, and then said: "And now, gentlemen, having given a truthful description of this magnificent estate, cander compels me to admit that it has two drawbacks—the litter of the rose leaves and the noise of the nightingales."

## Love as an Educator.

Love is good for anyone, I think. It's the most educating thing in the world. If I could, I should insist on everyone falling in love at least three times under thirty; we should have a lot less stupidity and mistakes in the world. Why, you learn diplomacy, tact, sympathy, how to be really happy—by the time, anyway. Practical humanity, which has done half the great things of the world, poetry, science, music—has been born of love. Time of day? By Duke Stanning, Maine.